Saturday, March 3, 1877. NEWSPAPERS AND NEWSPAPER MEN IN BOCK ISLAND COUNTY.

BY J. B, DANPORTE, JR.

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a majority feared for their ultimate supre- Hall," where it remained until it died. macy unless they had an organ. Various projects were considered, and while being talked over the Rev. P. Horatio Gatchell, formerissue of September 25, 1845, as follows:

THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN. This is the title of a newspaper about to be commenced in this place, by Doct. Horatio P. Gatchell and Mr. Miles W. Conway, Jr. The former is a talented preacher of the Disciples denomination, usually called Campbellites, and the latter a young gentleman of ability and character,

The prospectus indicates that the paper will be continued in the complete the complete

entirely independent of the consideration and dis-cussion of political views, but does not give the political views of either gentleman. We infer that the paper will be open to the discussion (pro and con) of political subjects.

Dr. Gatchell is probably to be principal editor.

We are sorry that the publishers have not selected some other name than "Republican," that being a part of our title—but success to the "art preservative of all arts."

This roused the Whig office-holders to action. A fearlessly independent paper issue of the Mississippian, (October 2, 1845) the following appeared;

ANOTHER NEW PAPER. We made mention, in our last of a new paper about to be started in this place, under the super-intendance of Dr. Gatchell, which we understand, from the prespectus, is to be "independent" in poli-tics. Since then, we have learned, from pretty good sufforty, that a gentleman of our town ha in contemplation the establishment of a Whi journal, to be commenced this fall or early th coming spring. From the gentleman's long resi dence among us, and from his well known attain ments as a practical printer, we have no doubt l will meet a generous patronage, not only from the Whigs as a party, but from the public generally.

No files of the paper can be found, but in the Mississippian of Nov. 13, 1845, was an editorial, beginning as follows: Sanders, of the Davenport Gazette says that the Northwestern Advertiser is," etc. etc.

time between Oct. 2 and Nov. 13, 1845-

Whig paper. the whereabouts of Dr. Gatchell, hoping which was their original place of resithus to find the original files of the paper, dence. and to learn some facts from him con- In the way of education he had only the neeted with its beginning, but have not advantage of the schools and academies been able to get track of him. Judge of the city, and he continued to reside in Wilkinson met him in Chicago a year or Philadelphia until his removal to the west two ago, but neglected to preserve his in 1839.

here from Cincinnati, about 1843 or 1844. as a Campbellite preacher; that he had ly partizan; Gatchell was classical, stilted been educated as a physician, and was and self-important; Vandever was genial. generally called "Dr" Gatchell; that he and lazy but a lion when roused, and a was about 30 or 35 years of age at that tiger in a contest." time, and that he used to preach to very large audiences in the court house. He residents of Rock Island and Davenport did not think the cause he advocated with as an eloquent and talented minister of so much zeal, elequence and ability would the sect known as Disciples. As a pulpit mail, for Chills and Fever." be best subserved by organizing his pecuculiar sect into a society, but that he could was, in private life, a man of irreproachdo more good by being a sort of world's able character. But whatever induced preacher; that he used to draw largely him to become a journalist was a puzzle to penetrates with the most searching effects to the from all denominations, and that he every one. If it was to print as well as preached religion and not sectarianism for he could preach them extempore quite while he remained here, always drawing as well as he could write them, and people DISORDER OF THE KIDNEYS large audiences. He had formerly resided in those days appeared to prefer to take at New Harmony, Indiana, near the Rob. their gospel orally. ert Dale Owen enthusiasis, and took great delight in combatting their peculiar theories -especially was he eloquent and con- popular with his party and quite promi-

vincing when combatting infidel theories. After being here a year or so he went to Thompson, now living, was then the only drayman in town and he remembers of paper become that it aroused a correspondkept the post office. This was on the west ocratic hosts. Though not a large man he street—the lot west of Mr. Negus's old Democrat, could "handle" him in a per-place and where Judge Lynde resided pre sonal interview. Wm. Frizzell was an vious to building his present residence. The beginning of the Northwesteran Addidn't go to suit him. The Democrats at each box of Pills, and Ointment. A handsome re vertiser was there.

Dr. Gatchell. He had just started his the street, vi et arms." paper and counted much on the aid of this excellent young man. It did not prove a success under his management; it was too scholarly for the times; it gave too little attention to political and local matters, and BINDERY. he soon sold the establishment.

Dr. Gatchell is spoken of by all as a man of remarkable talent; pleasant in specialities at The Argus Office. No manner; social and genial with all. Satisfaction guaranteed. and a favorite with his associates. He has many warm admirers yet living here.

In an article published by me some years ago it was stated that Dr. Gatchell rendered efficient service in his paper in then in existence. The murder was com- wax or anything else, and prevents the iron from mitted on the 4th of July 1845, and the sticking. Trial bottle free. murderers were caught and tried and cers and Druggists. hung before his paper was started. Their execution took place on the 22d of October 1845. He remained here a year or two after he disposed of the paper, and restamp for confidential circular of great value. Dr.
F. D. CLARKE, 1868. Clark St., Chicago. turned to Cincinnati, but it is believed that he afterwards became associated with an eclectic medical school in Chicago, and that he still resides there or in that that he still resides there or in that Chicago.

vicinity. The new proprietor of the paper was Wm. Vandever, who moved the press and. To all who are suffering from the errors and in type to the "Rio Grande," a long low building standing back from Illinois street, will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great in front of which, years afterwards, Lee's remedy was discovered by a missionary in South

bowling alley and saloon, before the print-The Daily Argus. bowling alley and saloon, before the printing office was moved into it, and also after the printing office was moved out of it. It is now the back part of Brown's livery stable. The printing office was moved from there directly across the street to the second story of a wooden building occupied by Lee & Chamberlin asfa stove store, and standing on the ground where Mitchell & Parsons' store now stands. From there it was moved to the other side of the street, a little east and in the second story of Guyer's build-. ing, now Hesley's saloon, where it re-THE NORTHWESTERN ADVERTISER .- 1845 | mained for many years, The Porters fin-In the summer of 1845 there was a ally moved their book store into the store good deal of talk among the Whigs in re- underneath, and at last they got a lease of gard to starting a Whig newspaper. The the upper rooms for a bindery, and then only paper then in Rock Island was Dem- the Advertiser moved into the upper part ocratic in polities and the Whigs being in of Lee's block, formerly called "City

The ostensible object in starting the paper was to have a Whig organ-but behind this idea, and the real actuating ly of Cincinnati, but who had then been here motive of the enterprize was personal about a year as a Campbellite preacher, hostility to Reynolds. He was the lion together with young Miles Conway, con- in the path. He had great strength among cluded to start an independent paper, and the country people, and he must be t was announced in the Upper Mississip- broken down if possible. But, after pian and Rock Island Republican, in its Vandever bought the paper it became more a Whig than an Anti-Reynolds paper, and the Anti-Reynolds influence

William Vandever settled in Rock Is land in the spring of 1839, and the first year was a clerk in a store, Afterwards he spent some time in the law office of Knox and Drury, and subsequently did some government surveying. In 1844 he was elected county clerk, and served two years. In May 1846 he and others purchased the North Western Advertiser from Dr. Gatchell, who had, a few months before, established the paper. Mr. Vanwas not what they wanted, and in the next dever continued as editor and publisher of the paper for about a year when the office was sold to Messrs, Sanders & Davis, of the Gazette, in Davenport, who published it a few months when it became the property of Mr. F. R. Bennett, though Mr. Vandever was connected with the editorial management until after the election of Gen. Taylor, in 1848, when he was appointed to a clerkship in Washington, and afterwards to a clerkship in the office of the surveyor general of lowa, at Dabuque, and where he has since resided, opening a law office there.

In 1858 he was elected to congress on the Republican ticket in the Dubuque dis-It is evident from these extracts, that trict, and was reelected in IS60. On the the paper was started on its voyage some breaking out of the war he entered the military service of the United States, as probably about the 1st of November, 1845. Colonel of the 9th Iowa Vol. Infantry, and that some sort of a modification of and was promoted to be a general officer the original intention of Gatchell and Con- in 1862, serving to the end of the war, way had taken place, by which the paper and retiring to private lire. He was born was to be a high-toned, unexceptionable at Baltimore, Md. on the 31st day of March 1817; but, at nine years of age, I have made a good deal of effort to find removed with his parents to Philadelphia

A triend who knew the beginnings of It is stated, by old citizens, that he came Rock Island well, writes me as follows: "Dr. Reed, Dr. Gatchell and Mr. Van-

Another friend writes me as follows: "Dr. Gatchell will be remembered by old preach his sermons, it was not necessary,

"Wm. Vandever, who succeeded Dr. nent in local politics. He was intensealmost bitter-in his dislike of the Demoeracy of that day, and the Advertiser, Dubuque and bought a press and type and landed it on our levee. Mr. John landed it on our levee. Mr. John landed it on our levee, mr. John landed it on our levee. Mr. John landed lande hauling the material from the boat landing ing bitterness on the Democratic side, and world for the following diseases: Ague, Asthma to a small frame building on Miles Con- personal collisions and combats were of way's lot where Conway had a house and not unfrequent occurrence. Thos, Biddiside of Beaver street, corner of Mississippi was "true blue," and no man, Whig or other Democrat who had an ugly way of striking "from the shoulder" when things that time had no organ in Rock Island ward will be given to any one rendering such in formation as may lead to the detection of any par On the 12th of Nov. 1845, Miles W. Conway, Jr., died. He was a popular, talented and very promising youg man. His death was a great discouragement to Democrats held public sentiment level on the 12th of Nov. 1845, Miles W. and so had no way of replying to or meeting the defection of any parties counterfeiting the medicines or vending the same. knowing them the separious.

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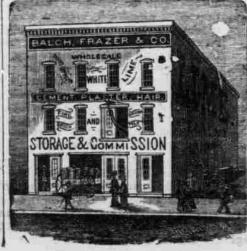
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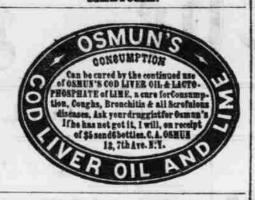
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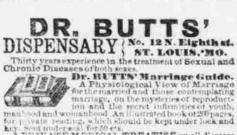
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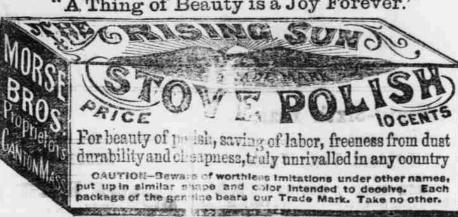
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